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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2018–0031; FXIA16710900000–178–FF09A30000]

Foreign Endangered Species; Receipt of Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for endangered species.

DATES: We must receive comments by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:* The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <http://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2018–0031.

Submitting Comments: When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2018–0031.
- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2018–0031; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

For more information, see **Public Comment Procedures** under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703–358–2104, via email at DMAFR@fws.gov, or via the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How Do I Comment on Submitted Applications?

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible, confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

B. May I Review Comments Submitted by Others?

You may view and comment on others' public comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>, unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552).

C. Who Will See My Comments?

If you submit a comment via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document

that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we invite public comment on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10 of the ESA allow activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species.

III. Permit Applications

We invite the public to comment on the following applications.

Applicants: Erich D. Jarvis and Olivier Fedrigo, Rockefeller University, New York, NY; Permit No. 43635C

The applicants request a permit to import biological samples of all endangered vertebrate species worldwide for the purposes of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC; Permit No. 53023C

The applicant requests a permit to import hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) biological samples for the purposes of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Robert Temple, East Stroudsburg, PA; Permit No. 66265C

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the golden parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*) to enhance species propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Viktoria Oelze, University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA;

Permit No. 70671C

The applicant requests a permit to import 70 hair samples derived from wild chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes verus*) from the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany, to enhance the propagation or survival of the species through scientific research. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Regents of University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN; Permit No. 78622C

The applicant requests a permit to import one non-viable egg from a Galapagos hawk (*Buteo galapagoensis*) from the Galapagos, Ecuador, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification is for a single import.

**Applicant: Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN;
Permit No. 59230C**

The applicant requests a permit to import 10 skin biopsy samples derived from wild leatherback sea turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) from the Goldring-Gund Marine Biology Station, Playa Grande, Santa Cruz, Costa Rica, for scientific research. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Noel Garcia, Sterling, VA; Permit No. 60345C

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the golden parakeet (*Guarouba guarouba*) to enhance species propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, CA; Permit No. 15316B

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to export and reimport nonliving museum/herbarium specimens of endangered and threatened species (excluding animals) previously legally accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL; Permit No. 698170

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to export and reimport nonliving museum specimens of endangered and threatened species previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Multiple Trophy Applicants

Each of the following applicants requests a permit to import a sport-hunted trophy of a male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

Applicant: James Wilson, Meridian, ID; Permit No. 79707C

Applicant: Louis Wickas, Gallipolis, OH; Permit No. 78075C

Applicant: Scott Goeddel, Waterloo, IL; Permit No. 80972C

Applicant: Ray Penner, North Newton, KS; Permit No. 80975C

IV. Next Steps

If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the *Federal Register*. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance date by searching <http://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document (e.g., **Permit No. 12345A**).

V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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